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SUBJ: BHUTTO VISIT TO TEHRAN

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1. MINISTER OF COURT ALAM SUMMONED ME MORNING OF DECEMBER 27
AND ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE CONVEYED FROM THE SHAH: QUOTE
WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATTERS RAISED DECEMBER 25 REGARDING THE
CURRENT POSITION OF USG ABOUT THE REPROCESSING PLANT AND
THE A-7 AIRCRAFT TRANSFER TO PAKISTAN, THE SHAH HAS HELD
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EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AND HAS GIVEN
HIS VIEWS TO HIM ON WHY IRAN IS NOT THINKING OF ESTABLISHING
A REPROCESSING PLANT AND WHY IN THE SHAH'S OPINION, PAKISTAN
SHOULD BETTER BE CONCENTRATING ON STRENGTHENING HER ARMED
FORCES ON NON-ATOMIC CAPABILITIES AND OBVIOUSLY NOT CONTEMPLATING
A REPROCESSING PLANT PROJECT. IT IS THE SHAH'S CONVICTION

THAT THE USG WILL FIND PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO VERY RECEPTIVE AND COOPERATIVE ON THESE ISSUES, IF ONLY WE COULD GIVE HIM SOME KIND OF ASSURANCE THAT OUR IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATION TO THE CONGRESS ON THE APPROVAL OF A-7 AIRCRAFT AND OTHER MILITARY TRANSFERS AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN WITH THE ADVENT OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. END QUOTE.

2. ALAM ASSURED ME THT ALL OF THE POINTS WE HAD CONVEYED TO THE SHAH PER REFTEL (A) HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED. I ASKED WHAT BHUTTO'S REACTION WAS TO THE THOUGHT THAT PAKISTAN MIGHT FOLLOW THE SAME FORMULA IRAN HAS WITH NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS (REFTEL A). ALAM SAID THAT GIVEN PUBLIC POSITION BHUTTO HAS TAKEN ON THIS SUBJECT HE IS STILL PONDERING WHETHER THIS OR SOME OTHER TACK MIGHT BE THE BEST WAY OF CLIMBING DOWN BUT REAFFIRMED THE SHAH'S CONVICTION WHICH HE FELT HE MANAGED TO CONVEY TO BHUTTO EFFECTIVELY THAT IT WOULD BE FOOLISH FOR PAKISTAN TO GO NUCLEAR. MIKLOS UNQTE ROBINSON

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